VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP MAY 5, 2015 MEETING – approved September 1, 2015

SPY POND COMMITTEE Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Bob

and Harriet Noyes, Agnes O'Donnell, Stroker Rogovin.

Facilitator: Brad Barber Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

2015 meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, June TBD (Summer Break Social at Brad's), Sept. 1, Oct. 6, *Oct.* 27, Dec. 1. Town Hall Annex, first floor except June.

• The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as presented.

• Recent events:

- The damaged **fence** along the Rt. 2 path has been repaired by MassHighway. We will send them a thank-you note.
- **Goose-egg addling** is under way. Save old umbrellas unfit for their intended use they can still be used to fend off geese while their eggs are being oiled.
- **Fertilizer flyers**: Complaints have been received that some flyers pushed through mail slots have dislodged outgoing mail that was sitting in the slot waiting to be picked up.

• Water quality and weed control:

- The latest **Secchi disk** reading is 0.6, which is low, meaning high turbidity. On the other hand, clearer water would allow more sunlight to reach water weeds and promote their growth. The water level is now rather high.
- ACT has completed the NOI for **treatment** planned this year. The Con Com hearing is this Thursday, 5/7; we are on the agenda for 8:45 pm. The subcommittee on all of Arlington's water bodies meets earlier at 7 pm.
- The water bodies fund will probably come up at Town Meeting tomorrow, 5/6.
- Plans and assignments for **Trails Day** were reviewed. We should be able to complete the last project requiring curbstone pieces and therefore expert help from the AMC.
- Coming events which Jane will announce at Town Meeting: (1) Trails Day, 5/16; (2) Fun Day, 5/30; (3) the Art Rocks Spy Pond exhibit which is being installed this week and will run through May.